



Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: November 2, 2021

Subject: **Employment Network (EN) for Workforce Systems – WorkforceGPS Webinars**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce partners of the WorkforceGPS 2-part series for *Employment Network (EN) for Workforce Systems* – scheduled for Thursday, November 4th from 2-3 and Wednesday, November 10th from 2:30-3:30.

Background: As part of a continued effort to increase Employment Networks (ENs), the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) plan to hold a two-part webinar series. These webinars align well with a previous webinar on WIOA with the Ticket to Work Program.

[Part I – November 4th, 2:00 – 3:00](#)

This new series of webinars will highlight the benefits of state and local area workforce leadership connecting to and becoming ENs using various well-established models. This webinar will provide a brief description and an overview of the newest resource tool, Ticket to Work: Operating a Workforce EN Planning Guide and Workbook (which includes a desk aid for front line staff). There will be speakers who are ENs that will provide best practices and learned lessons.

An equal opportunity employer/program.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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Part II – November 10th, 2:30 – 3:30

Part II of this series, a continuation of the webinar Benefits of Becoming an Employment Network (EN) for Workforce Systems Series Part 1 held on November 4, 2021, will consist of a panel discussion with different Employment Network professionals. Each panelist will give a brief description of their specific EN model. Next, the panelist will focus on best practices and lessons learned. Then, the panelist will answer a series of questions that will assist workforce administrators and other interested persons in understanding how to increase employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities through ENs.

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Action

Requested: Please share this issuance with all appropriate managers, staff and partners.

Effective: Immediately